

Nomination of Thomas R. Pickering To Be United States Ambassador to India

February 24, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to India. He would succeed William Clark, Jr.

Currently Ambassador Pickering serves as the U.S. Representative to the United Nations and the Representative of the United States of America to the Security Council of the United Nations. Prior to this, Ambassador Pickering served as U.S. Ambassador to several countries, including Israel, 1985–1988; El Salvador, 1983–1985; the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1981–1983; and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 1974–1978. In addition, he served at the U.S. Depart-

ment of State as Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, 1978–1981; Special Assistant to the Secretary of State and Executive Secretary, 1973–1974; and Deputy Director of the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, 1969–1973.

Ambassador Pickering graduated from Bowdoin College (A.B., 1953); Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (M.A., 1954); and the University of Melbourne (Australia) (M.A., 1956). He was born November 5, 1931, in Orange, NJ. Ambassador Pickering served in the U.S. Navy, 1956–1959. He is married, has two children, and resides in New York, NY.

Appointment of Gail R. Wilensky as Deputy Assistant to the President for Policy Development

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The President today announced his intention to appoint Gail R. Wilensky, of the District of Columbia, as Deputy Assistant to the President for Policy Development.

Since 1990 Ms. Wilensky has served as Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, the Agency that administers the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Prior to this, she was the vice president of health affairs at Project HOPE, an international health foundation. She has taught economics and public policy at the University of

Michigan and George Washington University and has held several appointments in the Public Health Service and at the Urban Institute.

Ms. Wilensky received an A.B. in psychology (1964), an M.A. in economics (1965), and a Ph.D. in economics (1968), all from the University of Michigan. She was born in Detroit, MI. She is married to Robert J. Wilensky, has two children, Peter and Sara, and currently resides in Washington, DC.